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Applicant hereby reports the issuance of an International Search Report in the corresponding Japanese application. A copy of that Search Report (PCT/ISA/210 along with PCT/ISA/237, PCT/IPEA/408, PCT/IPEA/409), 14 referenes cited in the reports, and 7 references cited in the specification, together with PTO Form 1449 listing each of the references is attached hereto.

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider each of these references and indicate such consideration by enclosing an appropriately initialled copy of the enclosed form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the Patent Office.

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